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SHOOTING TEAM

Weapons Handling

OVERVIEW

- Four safety rules
- Weapon condition codes
- Weapons handling procedures
- Weapon transports & carries

FOUR SAFETY RULES

- Treat every weapon as if it were loaded.
- Never point a weapon at anything you do not intend to shoot.
- Keep your finger straight and off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- Keep the weapon on safe until you intend to fire.

WEAPON CONDITIONS

- Condition 1: Magazine inserted, bolt forward, round in chamber, weapon on safe, ejection port cover closed

- Condition 2: Does not apply to the service rifle

WEAPON CONDITIONS (cont.)

- Condition 3: Magazine inserted, bolt forward on an empty chamber, weapon on safe, ejection port cover closed

- Condition 4: Magazine removed, bolt forward on an empty chamber, weapon on safe, ejection port cover closed

COMMANDS

Division Match:

- Load
- Cease Fire
- Unload
- Make the line safe

Weapon Commands:

- Make a Condition 1 weapon
- Cease Fire
- Make a Condition 4 weapon
- Show Clear

LOAD

- Ensure the weapon is in Condition 4.
- Ammunition must be drawn from pouch if worn.
- Insert magazine into magazine well until click is heard, tug down to ensure magazine is seated.

LOAD (cont.)

- Pull charging handle fully to rear and release.
- Perform chamber check.
  - Do not pull charging handle back too far.
  - May hit forward assist to ensure weapon is in full battery.
- Close ejection port cover.

FIRE

- Engage the target when it appears.
- During slow fire, each round will be loaded individually.
- Ready on the right, ready on the left, all ready on the firing line.

CEASE FIRE

- Stop firing when you hear “cease fire”.
- Place weapon on safe.
- Elevate the muzzle, remain in position, and wait for following commands.

UNLOAD

- Place weapon on safe.
- Remove the magazine and retain it.
- Eject any ammo out of weapon.
- Visually and physically inspect a clear chamber.

UNLOAD (cont.)

- Release the bolt, watching it go home on an empty chamber.
- Close the ejection port cover.
- Recover any unused ammunition and turn it in to a coach or block official.

SHOW CLEAR

- Perform the unload.
- Lock the bolt to the rear.
- Allow for a secondary inspection to ensure there are no live rounds or brass in the chamber.
- Release and watch the bolt go home on a empty chamber.

TRANSPORTING THE RIFLE

TYPES OF TRANSPORT:

- Hard case
- Soft case
- Shooting stool

RIFLE CARRIES

- Strong Side Muzzle Up

Sling the rifle on the strong side with the muzzle up.

RIFLE CARRIES (cont.)

- Weak Side Muzzle Down Sling the weapon on the weak side with the muzzle down.

RIFLE CARRIES (cont.)

- Cross Body - Sling the weapon across the back with the sling coming across the front of the chest; muzzle can be up or down depending on situation.

QUESTIONS

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